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Marked-up Version of Rewritten Claims (37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii)):

16. (twice-amended) A support structure for bicycle bottles, comprising a unitary supporting three dimensional cage frame, anchoring means for attachment thereof to a bicycle frame, said supporting frame comprising a rear anchoring post with an upper end from which two substantially symmetrical and diverging arms extend so as to embrace the lateral wall of a bottle, the lower ends of said arms converging and being reciprocally joined so as to form a lower appendix directed towards said post and adapted to support the bottom wall of the bottle, said arms and said post being located along a substantially cylindrical surface having an inner diameter that is slightly larger than the diameter of the bottle to be supported, said arms comprising a first portion directed upwardly and forwardly from said upper end of said rear anchoring post, and a second portion directed downwardly and forwardly from said first portion, which portions are continuously connected and bent along a curved [space line] path with no sharp bends except at said lower appendix said-arms-having inside-edges having lower converging ends and a span that is continuously increasing along said first portion and continuously decreasing along said second portion towards said lower appendix].

- 17. (amended) Support structure according to claim 16, wherein <u>said</u> lower converging ends have inside edges and a [the] span between the inside edges of said lower converging ends, <u>said span having</u>, at a distance from <u>said appendix that is substantially equal to said inner diameter</u>, [has] a maximum value <u>which is smaller</u> than or equal to [the] <u>one</u> half of said inner diameter [at a distance from said appendix that is substantially equal to said inner diameter].
- 28. (amended) Support structure according to claim 26, wherein each pad has at least one transverse [chevron] <u>curved</u> groove so shaped to permit downward insertion and preventing easy upward removal of a bottle within said support frame.